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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

GERMANS AS CONQUERERS.

Features of the Troops' Return to Berlin.

Copenhagen, December 12.

On the entry of Prussian Guards into Berlin the bands played "Deutschland Uber Alles" and other patriotic songs, but not a single Revolutionary tune. The officers and men were decorated with flowers. A staid crowd welcomed them as conquerors. This was the keynote of a speech by Herr Ebert, who said they returned with heads erect, unconquered. The building up of a new and sturdier Germany depended on them. A sergeant, replying, repudiated Herr Liebknecht, adding that the watchword of the troops was "Tranquillity."

Troops Warmly Welcomed.

Copenhagen, December 12.

A message from Berlin says Herr Ebert eloquently welcomed the returning troops. Herr Brandenburg appealed to them to preserve the federal system. A sergeant, replying, urged the speedy convocation of a National Assembly.

An Ultimatum.

Copenhagen, December 12.

A message from Berlin says (the Allies?) intend sending ultimatum to the Government to dissolve all the Soviets, in the meantime withholding supplies of foodstuffs and reserving the right to penetrate deeper into Germany.

British Troops in Cologne.

Amsterdam, December 12.

A message from Cologne says 32,000 British troops have arrived there.

The American Occupation.

London, December 12.

An American communiqué says:—We occupied Coblenz and hold the west bank of the Rhine from Rindelen, south of Bonn, to Trechtingshausen.

Bolsheviks Not Wanted.

London, December 12.

According to a message from Berlin, the Lokal Anzeiger says the Executive of the Soviets has withdrawn the invitation to the Bolshevik Delegation as the troops on the Eastern Front refused them passage through the German lines. The Executive has decided to deprive the troops in Berlin of ammunition.

NEW RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT.

To Supplant the Bolsheviks.

London, December 12.

The Dagens Nyheter says negotiations are proceeding at Stockholm with a view to the establishment of a new Government in Russia immediately the Bolsheviks are overthrown. The ex-Russian Premier, M. Trepoff, has arrived.

It appears that M. Trepoff is negotiating with other Russian Moderates.

Scandinavian Attitude.

Christiania, December 12.

The Aftenposten states that the Norwegian Legation has left Petrograd for Norway. Probably the Bolshevik representatives will be ordered to leave Norway shortly.

It is also reported that Denmark is about to break off connections with Bolshevik Russia.

A Denial.

Stockholm, December 12.

The report of the formation of a new Russian Government under M. Trepoff is authoritatively denied.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S VISIT.

Scene of Lusitania Tragedy Passed.

London, December 12.

The steamer George Washington, conveying President Wilson, has passed over the scene of the Lusitania tragedy off the South Irish Coast.

Met by U. S. Fleet.

London, December 12.

The American Fleet, commanded by Admiral Sims, has sailed from a British port to escort President Wilson into Brest.

Invited to Switzerland.

London, November 12.

Reuter's correspondent at Bern says the Federal Council has invited President Wilson to visit Switzerland.

ABOLISHING CONSCRIPTION.

Mr. Lloyd George to Press the Issue.

London, December 12.

The Evening Standard is authorized to state that Mr. Lloyd George will press forward the abolition of Conscription in Great Britain even if he is unsuccessful in inducing the Continental Powers at the Peace Conference to do so.

THE GERMAN "REVOLUTION."

Elaborate Celebration Arranged.

Amsterdam, December 12.

A message from Berlin says the Government has appointed January 1 as the date for an elaborate all fresco celebration in honour of the Revolution.

BRITISH WARSHIP IN KIEL CANAL.

Amsterdam, December 12.

A message from Kiel says H.M.S. Hercules, with the British Naval Delegation, has entered the canal and was expected at Kiel last evening.

RIOTING IN BOHEMIA.

London, December 12.

A message from Prague says large mobs plundered and wrecked shops at Aussig in Bohemia. The rioting continues, despite all efforts of the Police, Civic Guard and troops. Rifles and machine-guns are freely used and many casualties have been inflicted.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

THE EX-KAISER.

Only Temporarily Staying in Holland.

London, December 11.

Reuter's correspondent at the Hague states that in the Second Chamber the Premier said no Power had so far objected to the Kaiser's stay in Holland, which, however was only regarded as temporary.

Holland Willing to Confer.

Amsterdam, December 12.

According to the Telegraph the Premier, in the course of the speech in the Second Chamber cabled yesterday, declared that Holland was willing to confer with the Allies regarding a new place of residence for the ex-Kaiser.

IRON AND STEEL TRADES.

An Eight Hours' Day.

London, December 12.

After conferring with the men at Newcastle yesterday, the Iron and Steel Trades employers' representatives decided to recommend their Associations to concede an eight hours' day.

GERMAN GENERAL ARRESTED.

To be Charged with Wholesome Executions.

Paris, December 12.

A message from Coblenz says the German General von Torny, former Military Governor of Belgist Luxembourg, has been arrested and imprisoned at Metz. It is stated that he will be charged with the summary execution of 112 inhabitants of the town of Arlon in 1914.

ARMY AND NAVY BOXING.

"Jimmy" Wilde Beaten by U.S. Seaman.

London, December 12.

At a great Army and Navy Boxing Tournament at the Albert Hall, in the Bantamweight final, Sergeant Instructor Jimmy Wildelot to Seaman Pal Moore, of the United States Navy. Prolonged shouting followed the announcement of the decision.

WAR MEDAL FOR MERCHANT SEAMEN.

London, December 12.

His Majesty the King has approved the grant of a silver medal to the Merchant Marine for war services.

HOLIDAYS FOR JOURNALISTS.

London, December 12.

The English newspapers will not publish either on Christmas Day or Boxing Day.

THE EX-KAISERIN SERIOUSLY ILL.

London, December 12.

A message from the Hague says the ex-Kaiserin is very seriously ill, and a heart specialist from Berlin is coming to take her case in hand.

BRITISH WAR BONDS.

Present Issue to Cease.

London, December 12.

The Treasury announces that the present issue of War Bonds will be withdrawn early in January. Exchequer borrowing will continue, but later issues of Bonds will not carry the present conversion rights.

GERMANY ROYALTY.

Still Receiving Revenue.

Copenhagen, December 12.

A message from Berlin says the Royal revenues for December were paid to all the Princes and Royal persons remaining in Germany.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Japanese Delegates Leave.

London, December 12.

Reuter's correspondent at Yokohama says the Japanese delegates sailed on the 10th inst. to attend the Peace Conference.

FORMER GREEK OFFICIALS ESCAPE.

London, December 12.

A message from Paris says M. Gounaris, the former Premier of Greece, and Colonel Metaxas, who were interned at Ajaccio in June, 1916, have escaped. It was intended to take them to Athens for trial.

RUSSIAN GENERALS SHOT.

Stockholm, December 12.

A message from Petrograd says that according to an official Ukrainian source, Generals Rascki and Radkodmitreff have been shot by order of the Soviet of the town of Pispigorsk.

NEW SWISS PRESIDENT.

London, December 12.

Reuter's correspondent at Bern says Dr. Gustave Ador, Honorary President of the International Red Cross, has been elected President of Switzerland for 1919.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE ON PEACE REQUIREMENTS.

London, Dec. 9.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Bristol, said that conscription was introduced in Britain to meet a great emergency. When the need had passed the Act would lapse and there was no intention to renew it. The Peace Conference would be urged to abolish the Continental conscript armies in order to prevent the horrors of war and secure a permanent peace. The Peace Conference perpetuating European conscription would be a farce and a sham. The British Navy was a defensive not an offensive weapon, therefore we did not mean to give it up. (Cheers). The Premier reiterated that as far as Germany's capacity admitted she must pay the cost of the war to the last penny. The Allies' war bill was \$24,000,000,000 sterling. It was inconceivable that losers who were in the wrong should pay less than winners who were in the right. The Premier here pointed out that owing to our naval expenditure and the way Britain had paid and treated her soldiers our war bills were immensely more heavy than Germany's. Our European Allies were unanimous that the ex-Kaiser and his accomplices must be held responsible for their war crimes and he hoped President Wilson had decided similarly. Information in the possession of the Government showed that the ex-Crown Prince was probably the prime instigator of the war. Mr. Lloyd George deprecated Germany paying her indemnities by the dumping of sweated goods. He was against keeping for a long time a large standing army for the occupation of Germany which would be bad business industrially. German aliens would not remain long in Britain, they were going to be fired out and there would be no more coming in. (Loud cheers).

Mr. Lloyd George's speech was addressed to an audience composed exclusively of women electors. He said that over a million women had been engaged in munition making, 380,000 in land work, 222,000 in Navy and Army auxiliary nursing services, and scores of thousands in the civil service. We could not have won the war without these women. Peace must be sternly just as well as equitable just. There must be no "Alsace-Lorraine" whereby we should be making the same mistakes as Germany made in 1871.

DEVELOPMENT OF AVIATION.

London, Dec. 9.

Many interesting points connected with the future development of aviation are touched on in the report of the Civil Aerial Transport Committee of the Air Board. The Committee urges the immediate commencement of preliminary work, such as enquiries regarding routes, landing grounds and aerodromes and the immediate establishment of a research bureau. Regarding commercial aviation the Committee declares that, given proper facilities, there is nothing impossible in sending mails serially from London to Calcutta in four days and from London to Johannesburg in six days.

The report urges a preliminary discussion with the Dominions and Allies on broad questions of principle and Empire-wide propaganda in order to convince the whole Empire of the vast importance and possibilities of aerial transport. It also emphasises the importance of uniform legislation as far as possible throughout the Empire on aeronautical matters and of avoiding any appearance of dictating to the Dominions or in any way infringing their autonomy.

Dealing with overseas traffic the Committee point out that the Dominions and India, owing to their great geographical areas, and the wide distances which in many cases separate their important centres of population, offer a fruitful field for the development of civil aeronautics. The Committee emphasises that the improvement of inter-Imperial communications is likely to have an important bearing on the problem of future inter-Imperial relations.

THE INFLUENZA SCOURGE.

Melbourne, Dec. 9.

The prospects of keeping Australia free of influenza are more hopeful. No cases have occurred outside the quarantine stations. Many Anzacs are quarantined. A Wellington message says the influenza outlook is improving everywhere.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam quotes a Java message which says it is officially estimated that one million cases of influenza have occurred in the Dutch Indies.

The "Times" correspondent at New York states that the deaths of civilians in the United States from Spanish influenza and pneumonia since 15th. September are approximately 350,000. The deaths in military camps are over twenty thousand.

SUPPORT FOR GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

Copenhagen, Dec. 11.

The solemn entry into Berlin yesterday of large formations of Prussian Guards was an important political event because it means strong military support for the Government. Representatives of the Guards took oaths promising absolute loyalty to the Government. The Independent Socialists vainly exhorted the troops to disarm and the Spartacists are much alarmed at the new turn of events. The troops who included a specially formed battalion composed of all German races were received at the Brandenburg by the Empire and City officials. The railway stations and squares and other places were lavishly decorated. The German Finance Minister, Herr Schifferer, in a speech complained of money being squandered on unnecessary State management. The new War Tax Bill will be introduced immediately with retrospective effect into 1914.

After a long examination at Berlin Herr Thyssens and others (Industrialists) have been released.

BUKOVINA JOINS RUMANIA.

Paris, Dec. 11.

The National Council of Bukovina has proclaimed the union of Bukovina with Rumania.

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CHINESE UNREST.

Another Southern Declaration.

The Canton Intelligence Bureau issues the following:—

Mr. Hsu Chu-jen (Hsu Shi Chang) Peking.

Your telegram of 5th inst. received. Our desire has always been peace. But we also recently received a telegram from Mr. Chien Kan-chen (Chien Nong Hsun) the contents of which, we think, will obstruct the principle of equality of footing and the future of the peace conference. We find the terms "only Government" etc. in his telegram which we shall never recognise. It is requested that you act according to our telegram of the 30th that a peace conference will still be held at Shanghai; that ten representatives are to be appointed by each side and in addition each shall appoint a chief representative so that a Chairman of the Conference can be dispensed with. If you agree to the above suggestions please inform us of the names of your representatives and we shall do likewise.

According to Mr. Chien Kan-chen's telegram of the 4th inst. Shensi is being treated as bandit territory. We are very much surprised by his contention. As everybody knows that Shensi is under the banner of the Constitutionalists it is not possible that you should invade it on all sides under the pretext of hunting robbers. If peace is genuinely desired both Northern and Southern forces at Shensi may agree upon fixed places to station their troops. In case there are bandits within the places under their control each force may suppress them separately. It will not do to place Shensi outside of the zone of armistice by merely saying that there are robbers in the province.

Furthermore according to reports received by us, a mixed brigade of Fengtien troops, (commanded by Wang Yung Chou); the regiment commanders are Chen Chung Heien and Kuo Wei Yo, chief of staff is Chang Hang Hsieh, has been sent to Chekiang, and is being dispatched to Fokien in two routes; one starting from Ningbo to Foochow by sea (one battalion of artillery men has already set forth on board the cruiser Chao-wa) while the other starting from Chu Chow to Yen Ping via the border of Kiangsi (about two regiments of infantry together with machine guns, engineering and commissariat corps had already set forth from Hangchow on the 21st of last month).

Thus the North is in name ceasing hostilities while in reality it is provoking them. It is evident as to who shall bear the responsibility should hostilities be resumed and the above mentioned telegram of the 4th inst. is solid proof. To place Shensi outside of the zone of armistice, to advance soldiers in Fokien, are facts which indicate that you do not wish for peace. If hostilities on all the fronts are not actually stopped how can a conference be opened for peace? Therefore, the settlement of the questions of Shensi and Fokien must be a condition precedent to any discussion as to the method of holding the peace conference. Please give us a definite and clear answer to the above.

Henceforth we hope you will communicate with us direct in order to show your sincerity. — Tien Chuan-hsun, Fu Ting-fan, Lu Ying-tung, Yang Chai-yao, Sun Yau, Tang Sheng-yi and Lin Pei.

GENERAL NEWS.

French Honours for V.C. Airmen.

Lieutenant Colonel H. A. Bishop, V.O., the Canadian airman, has been made Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, first class, and has been awarded the Croix de Guerre (with Palm Leaf), for distinguished service in the zone of the French Armies.

American Wins Freedom.

John S. Dunn, U.S.N., won his freedom recently when he was arraigned before Judge Dike in the County Court, Brooklyn, on charges of forgery and attempted grand larceny. District Attorney Lewis noticed a gold bar on his sleeve, and asked Dunn how long he had been in foreign service. Dunn replied eighteen months. The prosecutor then permitted Dunn to plead guilty to attempted petty larceny. Judge Dike then waived the usual formality of holding Dunn for forty-eight hours before passing sentence, and freed him on a suspended sentence.

6,000,000 Women Voters.

It is said that the British Empire will now have 6,000,000 women voters in the forthcoming general election. In Japan there are only 1,500,000 electors, and all are men. The comparison of the two figures indicates that we men of this country are not given a right equal to one fourth of that of the British women to participate in national politics. The *Miyako* Japan now possesses an army as large as that of Great Britain. Officials encourage young men who are going to enter the military service, saying that to become a soldier of the Emperor is the first and the noblest duty of a man. Why are the majority of our countrymen not allowed to take part in national politics, while they are all requested to enter the military service? In a word the authorities recognize the full value of a Japanese man as a soldier, but before their eyes our value as voters is hardly as much as one-fourth that of a British woman.

Sinking a Burning Munition Ship.

The King has approved of the award of the Albert Medal for gallantry in saving life at sea to Commander Walter Henry Calthrop Calthrop, R.N. The account of the services in respect of which this decoration has been conferred is as follows:—On the night of April 14-15, 1918, a fire broke out on board the a.s. *Proton*, an ammunition ship, at Port Said. Commander Calthrop, on being informed on the telephone that the ship was on fire, immediately proceeded to the scene. The ship had already been abandoned by her crew, and was ablaze in Nos. 1 and 2 holds. The force of the fire was so great that it was impossible to get down to the fore well deck owing to the heat of the flames. Knowing that the *Proton* had 240 tons of ammunition on board, Commander Calthrop decided to endeavour to flood the ship, and for this purpose obtained assistance and went down into the engine-room and opened the sea inlet. He also tried to break the main sea valve cover, but was not successful in this. He accordingly sent for a gun-cotton charge for the purpose of sinking the ship, and warned all ships in the vicinity to get under way. He then returned to the *Proton*, which was now blazing fiercely forward, the sides being red hot as far as the bridge, and the bridge screen all alight. He again boarded her with the first and second engineers and went below, trying to break the doors of the condenser with sledge hammers. After about five minutes this was found to be impossible, and they returned on deck. By this time a picket boat had arrived with the gun-cotton charge, and it was decided that the ship ought to be sunk as soon as possible. This operation was accordingly carried out. Commander Calthrop displayed the utmost gallantry and disregard of his own personal safety in making protracted efforts, first to flood and then to sink the ship, whilst exposed to continual risk of an explosion of the ammunition on board. His efforts undoubtedly prevented serious loss of life.

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BRITAIN'S RICHEST WOMAN.

Death of a Great Philanthropist.

Miss Emily Charlotte Talbot, of Margam Abbey, Glamorgan, who was reputed to be the richest woman in Britain, has died at her London residence, 3, Cavendish Square, aged 78. The eldest daughter of the late Mr. Christopher Talbot, M.P., she succeeded at his death in 1890 to his large estate and immense wealth, which was estimated at between £5,000,000 and £8,000,000.

Miss Talbot never took a prominent part in public affairs, but lived very quietly at Margam Abbey. Her gifts to charitable movements, however, were numerous and substantial. During the last two years, owing to failing health, she was unable to spend much time in Wales, where she owned extensive properties throughout the Rhondda Valley. Her life in London was simple, and she only saw her intimate friends. Despite her indisposition, she took a deep interest in war charities, providing two large Y.M.C.A. huts in Glamorgan, and converting Penrice Castle, her seat at Swansea, into an officers' hospital, which she equipped and

maintained at her own expense. She also constantly provided the Fleet with large quantities of fruit and vegetables.

At the beginning of the year Miss Talbot founded, at a cost of £37,000, a Chair for Preventive Medicine at the Medical School at Cardiff. She also equipped and maintained the Margam Cottage Hospital. To the Church, too, she was a great benefactor. She not only built churches, but increased the stipend of the clergy in needy cases. Joint founder with her sister of St. Michael's College for Training Clergy in the diocese of Llandaff, she also erected St. Theodore's Church, Port Talbot, in memory of her brother, Mr. Theodore Talbot, who was fatally injured while hunting in 1876, and who had been deeply interested in the work St. Alban's, Halborn.

Owned 45,100 Acres.

To her benevolent spirit Miss Talbot added a remarkable business aptitude, and to her foresight and energies may be largely attributed the development and prosperity of Port Talbot, which was named after her father, from a small village to a thriving town possessing docks, steel works, and important railway junctions. Miss Talbot's landed estate comprised 31,500 acres around Port Talbot, mostly mineral bearing, and 13,600 acres

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It is understood that the estates will be inherited by Captain Andrew Mansel Talbot-Fletcher, the only son of Mrs. Talbot's sister, Mrs. Fletcher of Salton, who died in 1913. Captain Talbot-Fletcher, who was born in 1880, served in the 2nd Life Guards in the South African War. He is at present on home service. He married, in 1902, Frances, elder daughter of Sir Francis Salway-Winnington, Bt., and has two sons and two daughters.

Victory Bank Notes.

It is reported that some bank notes might appear in Canton market before long. These bank notes are now being issued by the Ministry of Finance in Peking in memorandum of the Allied Victory. The faces of these bank notes are printed with words in Chinese; their meaning being Allied Final Victory.

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Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each quarry, as a pledge of the "bona fides" of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted.

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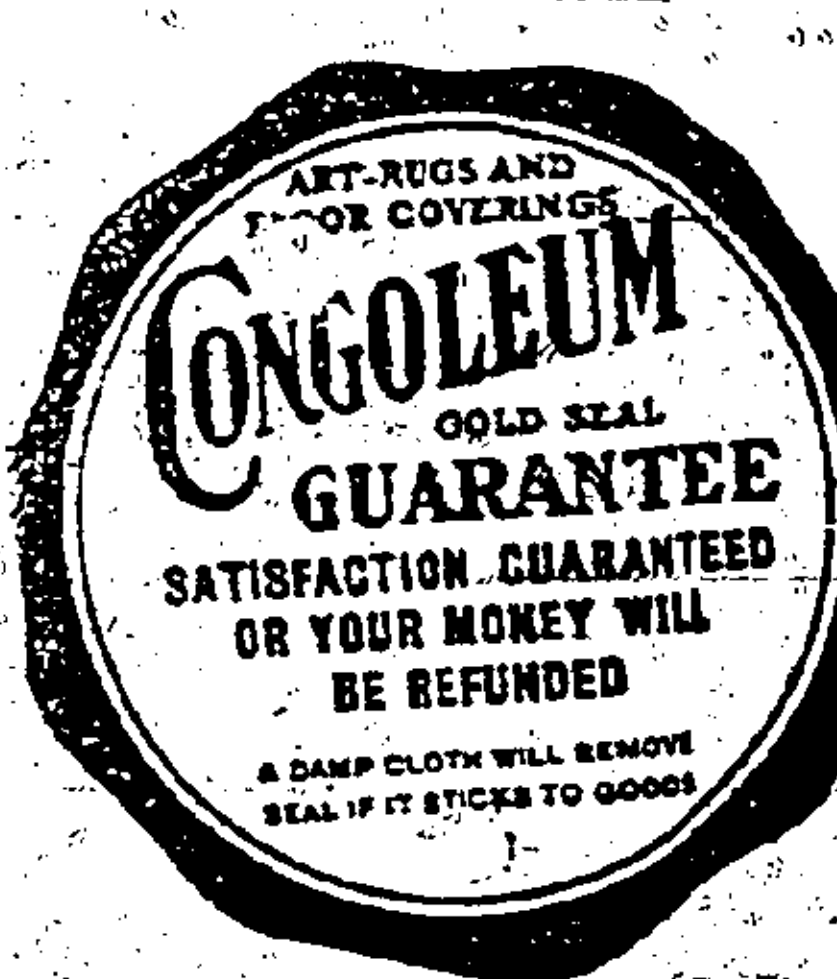
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DEATH.

McALLUM.—Suddenly, on the 28th. November, at Ilkley, Yorkshire, in his 54th year, Campbell Alexander McAllum, Deputy Commissioner, Chinese Maritime Customs, Canton.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1918.

THE PARIAS.

The American President's latest reply to the German people typifies the sentiments of most of the nations of the world. Mr. Wilson has become, ever since America's entry into the war, the virtual spokesman of the Allied combination, and his latest statement can be taken as embodying the universal opinion of the Allied countries. It is interesting to watch the workings of the German mind, for there can be no doubt that this latest suggestion, that President Wilson should visit Germany, is only another example of their underhanded intrigues, on which, in spite of what has happened, they still seem to pin some hopes. We have seen their efforts in this direction ever since America joined hands with the Allies. They have always sought to sow dissension between the United States and the Entente, and we have seen how signally they have failed. Even when they sued for peace, they attempted to discuss the matter with President Wilson alone, but this effort was fruitless, for Mr. Wilson merely left it in the hands of the military commanders. One would have thought that the Germans would have learned a lesson from this, but apparently they are making another attempt.

There must be some big reason for their latest request. The Entente is making many just but terrible demands, and Germany can see nothing in front of her but utter ruin. Shorn of her colonies, her navy, her guns and her finances, she thinks perhaps that she will obtain a mitigation in the peace terms. America's foreign policy has never been one of acquisition, a fact of which the Germans are fully aware. They also know that America is to be feared the least of all the Allies, not that it is the least powerful, but because its demands will probably be the least exacting in the face of the nature of its policy. It was a bold stroke to invite Mr. Wilson to Germany, but this, their last desperate move, has been in vain. Nothing could be more terse or damning than the American President's reply. "The German people will need long years of repentance to atone for their crimes and prove their sincerity. No true American can yet think of making the journey to Germany unless forced by strictly official obligations. I refuse any suggestion of this nature." It is a crushing blow to their last little shred of hope. Mr. Wilson has disappeared once and for all the German idea that dissension can be sown among the Allies. The union of nations that have fought side by side, and triumphed so gloriously is not to be shattered by the insidious efforts of a country whose crimes and inhumanities fill the blackest pages in the world's history.

Mr. Wilson has also put in words the sentiments of the whole world. For many years to come, the Germans must remain the parias of Europe; never before has a race been so anathematized, and it will take centuries to wash out its four years of terrible wrong-doing. A German will always be looked on with contempt and suspicion, simply because he belongs to a nation which has proved itself to be a nest of infamy and frightfulness. It has fought crookedly and cruelly, and it has lost ignominiously. Even if the Germans in the future were to change their ways, a contingency which is very improbable, no one would trust them, for it would only be considered another instance of their policy of lying deceit and high sounding verbosity. Germany will be an outcast for many long years. We in Hongkong have recently sent to the Home Government a strong request that Germans be not permitted to enter the Colony for several years. President Wilson's statement only goes to prove how just and fitting are our demands. None of us are perfect, but we have no desire to mix once more with the representatives of a nation which is bid to the core. We think that Mr. W. A. S. Hewins should do more than "consider the matter," as he stated in the House of Commons recently when it was brought up.

War Savings.

It is gratifying to see that the local War Savings Association is still going strong. The latest list of subscriptions reflects the fact that the public still makes use of this most admirable institution for the purpose of saving money and at the same time rendering financial aid to the Empire, for it will be noted that the amounts received are all invested in Straits Settlements War Loan. This is an excellent security, carrying five and a half per cent. interest, and it is additionally attractive just now from the fact that the present exchange is most favourable for conversion. During last month, besides considerable sums in other currencies, over \$50,000 in Hongkong money and \$30,000 in Straits currency was paid in, the amounts varying from \$6,500 down to the humble \$5. The latest list shows that apart from large amounts the Association is proving itself a useful medium for the securing of small sums, all of which total up in the course of a year and, with interest, make the investments worth while. To have secured in Hongkong currency alone a sum of over two million dollars is no mean feat, and the work which has been voluntarily undertaken by the Union Insurance Society in this regard is beyond praise.

For the Red Cross.

A very happy idea of assisting the Red Cross funds has been hit upon by a local horticultural enthusiast who is well known for the excellent roses which he grows and with which he has won many successes. With a spirit that is much to be admired, he is, from Monday next, going to put his best blooms on sale in the form of button-holes, and from the proceeds secured the Red Cross will benefit. The result should be the obtaining of quite a good sum, especially since these blooms are, through the kindness of a well-known lady horticulturist, to be sold in such a popular rendezvous as the Hongkong Hotel. In a place like Hongkong, it requires great care and attention to raise the type of roses which are to be sold, and for that reason the good-heartedness of the donor of these blooms is all the more to be commended. In Shanghai, incidentally, there has long been a British Flower Shop, to which gifts have been regularly given by residents and disposed of for the benefit of the Red Cross. If this new Hongkong venture meets with the success expected, it might possibly be a good plan to organize, even now, some such scheme as this, for it is certain that the Red Cross funds will need replenishing for a considerable time yet.

Wrongful Diversion.

Judging from reports, the Canton authorities are still short of that very essential commodity known as money. Since the establishment of the Military Government there must have been a thousand and one schemes conceived and put into execution for "raising the wind," some legal and some quite the reverse. Indeed, the poor tax-ridden people have been bled white by the new fiscalism. A report which we published yesterday stated that the latest idea, said to emanate from Wu Tingfang, is to issue so-called National Bonds to the value of ten million dollars, these to be repaid in four years from the surplus salt revenues of the Southern Provinces. What we are interested in, however, is the right of the Canton authorities to touch the salt revenues at all. There has already been more than one protest made against this illegal diversion of salt and Customs revenues, and yet at this time of day, even when the status of the Southern molesters is in the balance, we have an idea of this sort seriously trotted forth. What surprises us also is that Dr. Wu, who is certainly one of the shrewdest of China's leaders, should be associated with such a proposal. We can only hope that there is no solid foundation for the report.

DAY BY DAY.

SOCIETY IS NOW ONE POLISHED HORDE FORMED OF TWO MIGHTY TRIBES, THE BORES AND BORED.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the Battle of Colenso (1899).

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 15/16d.

No Disease.

There were no cases of communicable disease notified yesterday.

Lecture.

Dr. Jordan has kindly consented to preside at a lecture on Women in our War Workshops by Professor Middleton Smith at the Helena May Institute on Monday next, at 5.45 p.m. The lecture is open to gentlemen.

Theft of Cement Bags.

Nobody wants cement bags, thought a P.W.D. coolie, who saw the articles kicking around in a Government match in Yau-ma-tei. The P.W.D. required the bags, for future use, and the coolie will have fourteen days to think it over.

Death of Mr. C. A. McAllum.

Many readers will hear with deep regret of the sudden death, at Ilkley, of Mr. C. A. McAllum, who died in his 54th year. The deceased gentleman was for some considerable time Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Customs at Canton. He died at Ilkley, Yorkshire, on the 28th ultimo.

In the Limelight.

A Chinese was banished some time ago, but the attractions of Hongkong tempted him to return. That might have been all right if he had not brought himself into the limelight by committing larceny. Mr. Melbourne, to-day informed the bachelors that from the police nothing is concealed, also their memory is good. They had not forgotten the banishment order, and, likewise, they would not forget to punish those who disobeyed their orders. Mr. Melbourne remembered that six months' hard labour for returning from banishment and two months' hard labour for larceny were the punishments for these offences.

The Vanishing Trick.

A Chinese tried to smuggle ten tons of opium ashore from the sea. Wa-Hon. Deviating but little from the usual yarn, when caught, the opium smuggler said somebody gave him the opium to carry ashore but, as usual, the "somebody" had mysteriously vanished. They always do vanish, for the simple reason they exist only in the imagination of the opium smuggler, who, in this case, will also see \$750 vanish into the hands of the Government via Mr. Wood. The final vanishing trick in the act will be that of the smuggler himself, who will disappear for three months if the \$750 necessary for performance of the first trick is not forthcoming.

American Seaplane Breaks all Records.

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POLICE RESERVE DANCE.

A Happy Evening at the City Hall.

Last night's fancy dress dance, organised by the Superintendent, Inspectors, Sergeants and Constables of the Police Reserve, and held in the City Hall, must be written down as another triumph in post-war pastimes.

Nearly five hundred dancers attended and included representatives of seven nationalities, namely, British, American, Portuguese, Indian, Chinese, Norwegian and Japanese, and it is roughly estimated that 60 per cent. were in fancy costume, and certainly quite that proportion took part in every dance on the programme, which consisted of fifteen ordinary dances and three extras. In addition to this extras followed every dance.

The entrance to the City Hall presented a very pretty sight. The massive pillars were entwined with garlands of flowers and pot plants in bloom, intermingled with palms and lined each side of the entrance hall and the stairway. For the dancing, the whole of the upper part of the City Hall had been reserved and was decorated with a profusion of flags. The floors of the two large Halls had been carefully prepared and planed, and made very acceptable dancing surfaces. Comfortable sitting-out sofas were also provided, in fact every convenience desirable for such a function had been thoughtfully prepared and carefully arranged. Even the non-dancers had been considered, a card room being provided for their use.

Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock, the band of H.M.S. under Bandmaster Firth, striking up for the first dance punctually to time. Simultaneously a feeling of conviviality was engendered and a most enjoyable evening was looked forward to. The dancing was continued to well after midnight and all voted the function a great success in every possible way.

The costumes were both numerous and clever, and the ingenuity in "calico" was striking. There were a representation of Hilda Cowden's Picture of a Girl, Land Products, Camouflage, Portugal, Night, Fairy, W.A.A.C. Pekoe, French Chef, Tonio, from the Daughter of the Regiment, Parsee, Vivandiere, Carmel, Indian Prince, Bazar, Convict 99, Early Victorian Policeman, Malay, King George, Whisky, Japanese Buddhist Priest, Spanish Inquisitor, and dozens of representations of Perriot, Pierrette, Clown, Chinese and many very original costumes that defied description.

Those that drew particular attention by reason of their ingenuity included Mephistopheles (Mr. da Souza). In this dress there were arranged a number of tiny electric lights which the wearer switched on and off with striking effect. A Courier of the period of Louis XVI (Mr. Leo D'Almada) was very effective. The representation of Tonio, in calico, (Mr. Da Souza, Portuguese Consul) was excellent. A man in night shirt with candle and poker, apparently looking for a burglar, was well presented by Mr. F. C. Jenkin Policeman and Convict coupled together was very amusing and Mr. Abraham, as a skeleton, presented a most gruesome appearance.

A very clever representation of the South China Morning Post, was presented by Miss Ruby Mow Fung. The costume was based upon a peristyle scheme and was printed over its entire surface with matter of one of the latest issues of the paper represented. Over the dress there was a "baroque" which was cleverly worked out to represent a newspaper poster. This was realistically imitated "The Best Advertising Medium in the Colony." The entire costume was made of calico. One of the most striking costumes was the Daily Press (Mr. Ross). This was thought to be so excellent that the judges awarded a special prize. Upon looking at this costume from a distance it was difficult to tell what the representation was intended to be, but closer inspection revealed a newspaper, or rather a

CORRESPONDENCE.

(The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the Hongkong Telegraph.)

TO AUSTRALIANS.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—Understanding that there are at present in the House of Detention two Australians— young boys only their teens— may I suggest, through the medium of your columns, that a fund be raised by Australians and others interested for the purpose of assisting these boys?

The nationals of one of our Allies have assisted one of their countrymen to get out of the above-mentioned place and find employment, and it behoves all good Australians to do likewise.

I am a poorly paid clerk myself but would be glad to subscribe \$5 towards such a fund. And perhaps, Mr. Editor, you would be kind enough to take care of subscriptions.

Trusting that this appeal will meet with ready response.

Yours etc.

VICTORIAN.

Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1918.

[We sympathise with the view-point of the writer, but suggest that Australians interested in the matter should get together and devise some means of assisting these lads by employment or otherwise.—Ed. H.K.T.]

Stealing Beds.

When one gets too lazy to make one's bed after rising in the morning there is only one thing to do—have two beds. A Chinese coolie tried this scheme, but he omitted to pay for the duplicate bed before he took it. Mr. J.B. Wood wanted time to consider the punishment to fit this heinous crime and told the bed stealer to stand down.

costume with printed matter distributed all over it. We promptly wrote him down simply "Newspaper," but then we happened to glance at the head-dress, which represented a paste pot and brush, the latter being inverted to form a cockade. We knew immediately by this realistic part of the representation, that our original description was wrong. Of course! Quite easy! It was the Daily Press. This was confirmed by the title appearing on the back of the costume.

After the fifth dance the parade for the judging took place, and the judges must have found it a difficult task, so good were the costumes. The ladies' prizes were eventually awarded to Miss Marshall, as Foot Product, first prize; Mrs. Leo D'Almada, Vivandiere, second prize. For the gentlemen, Mr. Franks as Convict 99 secured the first prize and Mr. Ward, as Camouflage, second prize. As stated above a special prize was awarded Mr. Ross. The prize was a silver mounted scent bottle, a cut glass cent bottle, a safety razor on glass and a silver cigarette case respectively. Mr. Ross's prize was not decided upon. The officials deserve all praise for their assiduous attention to the guests and the successful conclusion of the function was largely due to their untiring efforts. The officials were as follows:—

Joint Masters of Ceremonies:—Inspector A. E. Alves and P.O. 659 G. Grimble. Organising Secretary:—Staff Inspector Arcalli. Treasurer:—Staff Inspector Tape. General Committee:—Deputy Superintendent F. C. Jenkin, Chairman and members of all Spot-Committees. Invitation Committee:—The D.S.P. (B), Staff Inspector Arcalli, Staff Inspector Tape, Sergeant 650 Aitken, Dance and Music Committee:—P.O. 659 G. Grimble, P.O. 618 Yvanovich, Orchestra Conductor Gorsale. Refreshments Committee:—Inspector A. E. Alves, Staff Inspector Wittebell, P. O. 759 Lopes, P. O. 638 White. Bar Committee:—Chief Inspector Wong, Inspector Botelho, P. O. 712 Tarant, Trooper 704 Hodge, P. O. 670 Hobbs, P. O. 492 Mard. Decoration Committee:—Inspector Ribeiro, Staff Inspector Clarke, Inspector Gagg, Sergeant 642 Britto, Trooper 95 Chan Mak Hong. Judges:—Mrs. F. C. Jenkin, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. G. P. Jordan, Mrs. Wei Wing Look.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

No industry unless it be coal-mining, has such a history of strikes and unrest as the Lancashire cotton manufacture. And no strikes have been more terrible than those amongst the spinners. The first great strike was in 1853, when all the mills in Preston closed down over a dispute for a 10 per cent increase of wages, and thirty-six weeks passed before a compromise was effected and the starving operatives were compelled to return to their looms. Another memorable strike was that of 1878, when the workers refused to accept a reduction of wages and the masters closed down all the mills in North and North-east Lancashire, throwing 120,000 men out of work. Riots broke out, mills were burnt down, and heavy street fighting followed the summoning of military assistance. After two months the men, as was usual in those days, were forced by hunger to submit. Briefer strikes followed at frequent intervals until 1891, when a dispute at Ollibrook resulted in the second longest cotton strike on record. It lasted for twenty-five weeks.

Paper is scarce, so if you lose your rationbook its replacement may in the near future cost you sixpence, says a Home paper. Several local food committees, indeed, in the North have decided to make a charge of sixpence for the issue of a new book. Should the idea be taken up by the Food Ministry a nice amount could be handed to the Treasury. On the basis of our present population something like \$750,000 could be realised from this source. And if an extra cover were provided to the books and let as advertising space (non-food advertisements only), each city having its own contributors, the cost of making and printing might be covered independent of the charge to the public.

A correspondent who says he would not now give a penny for the Havana cigar which he used to enjoy at a far higher price communicates to the Manchester Guardian, for the benefit of mankind in general, the secret of a richer and cheaper joy. We have not tried it yet (says the journal)—the fields have been rather too slushy for botanising these last few days,—but as the season will soon be over we hasten to hand it on to more adventurous spirits, in the full light of that prudent maxim of the common law which bids the purchaser take great care of himself. The tip is that the coltsfoot plant is a very good substitute for tobacco. You should look for the brightest leaves—you will find them, about as big as your hand, in places so diverse as a cornfield, a railway embankment, and a brickfield,—and you should dry them slowly into fine tobacco-like leaves. (The firmer you keep your mind fixed on tobacco the better it will be.) A little admixture of the real stuff—under cross examination the correspondent admits adding anything from a quarter to half himself—will improve the taste, and the more you add the more powerful will be the illusion. Anything saving has its value in these days.

"Dress Regulations" for the British officer have a habit, in spite of all the A. P. M.'s, of being modified to suit individual tastes. But I saw walking down the street the other day (writes "G") to a Home paper) a spectacle that would have caused the immediate death of some commanding officers I know. The full lieutenant who provided it was certainly clad in khaki tunic and slacks. But the fabric happened to be what drapers I believe, describe as "shot." Only in its central range was it the official line—its extremities rippled off into a golden autumnal brown, and at the other end a delicate and beautifully iridescent green. And naturally, as the gentleman walked, at no moment was his colour scheme stable—wave after wave of new and shimmering off his flanks over him with every stride. It was rather like a large gold fish swimming down the street. The R.A.F.—who have certainly done their best to achieve distinction in the way of costume—would have fainted with envy at the sight.

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ending December 21, 1893)

The Dollar.

December 14.—The rate of the
dollar, on demand, to-day is
2s. 3 7/8d.

The Price of Coal.

The demand for coal continues
firm but prices remain stationary.
Japanese coal is quoted at \$8 per
ton while Australian and Cardiff
are ruling at corresponding ad-
vanced rates. It is reported that
Messrs. Butterfield & Swire and
the Hongkong and Canton Steam-
boat Company have made private
arrangements for the whole of
their respective '94 supplies
through Japanese agencies.

Ancient History.

December 18.—The Daily Press
is a great archaeological organ.
Not content with the discovery
of America by a gang of Paisley
weavers nor with the "prehistoric
man" twaddle, our morning con-
temporary has got the back files
of the Hongkong Telegraph and
cut out an article on "Chinese
Silver Ware" which we published
some years ago. Granny is old.

Opening of Bellios Schools.

December 18.—The mag-
nificent three-story build-
ing presented by the
Hon. Mr. F. R. Bellios for the
secession of the Government
Central Girls' School pupils, in
Hollywood Road, was formally
opened this afternoon by the
Governor and Lady Robinson
before an assembly of some two
thousand persons.

Billiards.

December 19.—The deciding
heat in the billiard tournament
for the Championship of the
Hongkong Club will be played in
the Club rooms at 5 p.m. to-
morrow, the "knights of the cue"
left in for the final being Mr. A. G.
Stokes and Mr. C. A. Toms. A
close and interesting game is

anticipated, Mr. Stokes, if any-
thing, being a slightly better
favourite than the American
"crack".

Sanitary Board.

December 21.—The Sanitary
Board met this afternoon and
discussed, at some length, the
question of flushing drains which
was ultimately left to the Govern-
ment. The question of insufficient
water supply—only five gallons a
day for Chinese—was left until
next meeting. A committee was
appointed to investigate the
shark fin nuisance.

River Steamer Arrested.

December 21.—The Canton
river steamer Kwong-hoi was
arrested by the Marshal of the
Admiralty Court, to day, in con-
sequence of damages arising out of the
fatal collision with a jack.
Security has been given and the
steamer was released and leave
for Canton as usual to-night.

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the Company will be CLOSED
from MONDAY, the 23rd De-
cember 1918 to SATURDAY,
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NOTICE.

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private only when travelling
from Plantation Road upward to
Findlay Road. Chairs are not
permitted to use Findlay Path on
downward journeys.

E. D. WOLFE
Captain Superintendent of Police,
Hongkong, 13th December, 1918.

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG DEFENCE
CORPS.

IN connection with the forth-
coming Rifle Meeting there
will be a "Bisley" Competition,
open to all comers. (250, 500,
and 600 yards) to be fired on
SATURDAY 18th December.
Firing to commence at 1 p.m.
Entrance fee 50 cents per com-
petitor who must provide his own
ammunition (24 rounds in all).

Entries, accompanied by en-
trance fees, to be sent to the
Hon. Secretary, Lt. Col. F. A.
Wells, c/o Messrs. Butterfield &
Swire, not later than NOON on
TUESDAY 17th December.

A squadding card will be sent
to each competitor in due course.
There will also be an open
service revolver competition on
26th and 28th December (all day).
20 yards, 6 shots, deliberate.
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Programme and entrance forms
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delivery from Godown on and
after 14th December.

Optional cargo will be landed,
unless notice has been given prior
to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and dam-
aged goods are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be
examined on any Tuesdays and
Fridays between the hours of
10.45 a.m. and noon within the
free storage period.

No claims will be admitted
after the Goods have left the
steamer's Godown, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the
21st December, will be subject to
rent.

All Claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the under-
signed on or before the 4th
January, or they will not be
recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be
effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, 14th December, 1918.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received
instructions to sell by Pub-
lic Auction on
MONDAY, the 16th December,
1918,

commencing at 11 a.m.
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	*Nikko Maru T. 9,600	SUN., 22nd Dec. at 11 a.m.
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SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE.	*Shinichiku M. T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 24th Dec.
LONDON or Liverpool via Singa-	*Kaga Maru T. 12,340	THURS., 19th Dec. at 11 a.m.
pore, Penang, Colombo, Suez	*Yokohama M. T. 12,340	MON., 30th Dec. at 11 a.m.
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SHANGHAI	Wingsang	Sat., 21st Dec. at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Taisang	Tues., 24th Dec. at 11 a.m.
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CALCUTTA LINE.—This line is temporarily discontinued owing to the war, but at present a monthly service is maintained with Calcutta by the steamer "KWAISANG" and "WING" calling at Singapore and Penang. The former vessel has excellent passenger accommodation, is fitted with Electric Light and Fans, and carries a fully qualified Surgeon.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

Oil-Driven Warships.

Messrs. Kermode's, Limited, Liverpool, who have recently supplied their oil fuel system for important groups of war vessels for the French Government, are in receipt of an order for two further groups of war vessels.

New Shipping Company.

A number of Chinese business-men abroad propose to establish a marine transportation company under the style of the Chinese-Pacific Steam Navigation Company, says "The Manchuria Daily News," and have arranged to charter half a dozen steamers for that purpose from the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, at the total charterage of \$151,000 per month.

N.Y.K. Service.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha abandoned the call at Antwerp on its subsidised European line owing to the war, but now that the armistice has been signed, it has been making arrangements to resume the service to that port. As Antwerp has severely suffered from German vandalism, the company has decided to call for the present at Rotterdam. This service will be re-opened as soon as sufficient cargo is collected.

A 33,000 ton Dreadnought.

The lifting of the censorship has revealed that one great Super-Dreadnought, authorized in 1916 in the three-year building programme of the United States is well advanced. The keel of the 33,000-ton battleship was laid after America went to war, and despite the call upon the yard for 32 destroyers and submarines the vessel progressed satisfactorily. It will mount sixteen-inch guns and naval officials believe it will equal, if not be superior to, any warship afloat.

U.S. War Contract's Cancelled.

The cancellation of war contracts for American steel is being carried out without serious disturbance to the industry, says the "Japan Chronicle." Shipments abroad will be subordinate to food, pending a revision of priorities which is expected to make a move on the open market. The mills are ready to accept private business but little is offering. The activity of iron is confined to small sales. Copper is quiet and producers are considering a combination for export. Spelter is stiffening. Lead and tin are unchanged.

The Export of Iron.

According to a despatch received by a large Japanese firm in Kobe, the British Government has decided to give permission for the export of iron and steel to France and Belgium. In regard to Japan, permission will be given for limited quantities of certain specified varieties only. A further despatch states that the U.S. War Trade Board will permit the export of iron, steel and manufactures thereof to Japan without any restrictions as to quantity in regard to those orders which have already been received. Although it is understood that it will not yet be possible to get any large imports of shipbuilding materials into Japan, it is generally believed among Japanese merchants that it will not be long before the embargo abroad is completely removed, at least in regard to the Allies. According to information reaching Tokyo, the British Government has noticeably modified the control of iron and steel since the armistice.

Tensile Testing Charts.

It will be interesting to many shipping people to learn of the promotion, under the Ministry of Munitions, of Mr. E. Percy Coston, B.Sc., B.Eng., and of the Liverpool University staff. Engineering Department. Mr. Coston, who is the son of Mr. E. T. Coston, J.P. of Birkenhead, joined the Ministry of Munitions in January, 1916, as assistant inspector of munitions areas, and has recently been promoted to be senior assistant inspector. On joining the department he was posted at Glasgow where he has charge of the inspection of steel gun-forgings, shell-forgings, etc. In order to cope with the abnormal amount of tensile testing Mr. Coston has designed and published a set of ingenious stress deformation charts, a large number of which are now in use in Government and other offices at home and abroad.

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STOP PRESS TELEGRAMS.

PRESIDENT WILSON NEARING FRANCE.

Paris, December 12.
A telegram from Lisbon states that the "George Washington", with President Wilson on board, passed in sight of the Azores on Tuesday.
President Wilson will land at Brest, on Friday, at three o'clock in the afternoon.—Havas.

FRENCH INDIRECT TAXATION.

Paris, December 12.
French indirect taxation produced, in November, this year over \$17,000,000 in excess of \$3,000,000 in November 1917.—Havas.

ARMY SURGEON WINS GONCOURT PRIZE.

Paris, December 12.
The Goncourt Prizes have been awarded to Georges Duhamel for his book on civilisation.
M. Duhamel served during war as an army surgeon.—Havas.

GERMANY DISGORGING.

Paris, December 12.
In conformity with the armistice terms, the Germans have handed over to the Allies about \$320,000,000 received from the Russians by virtue of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk. The money has reached Paris and is deposited in the Bank of France for the joint account of the Allies.—Havas.

GERMANY'S BAD FAITH.

Paris, December 12.
The French Press states that the conditions imposed upon Germany will possibly be made more strict, owing to bad faith and other towns might be occupied, such as Mannheim, as a partial reprisal for French prisoners killed. The towns must pay an indemnity to the families of the men who have perished.—Havas.

ALSACE AND LORRAINE UNCONQUERABLE.

Paris, December 12.
Eloquent speeches on the occasion of the visit of the Government to Alsace and Lorraine were made in the Chamber of Deputies. M. Clemenceau said though the people of Alsace and Lorraine had endured martyrdom for 48 years, their spirit remained unconquerable and worthy of victory. The whole nation had returned a life example of determination, enabling men to sacrifice the greatest material things for an ideal.
It has been unanimously decided to placard both the speeches of M. Deschamps and M. Clemenceau.—Havas.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

London, Dec. 9.
To-day the General Election campaign enters on its final week and both pace and interest have quickened. The number of contests with more than two candidates is unprecedented, indeed three-cornered fights are the rule rather than the exception. This fact is generally accounted for by the emergence of what might be called the new political world in which old party distinctions have largely disappeared, also by the doubling of the electorate by the Reform Act and the great change in the boundaries of constituencies. Nobody pretends to know how the new electorate will vote, particularly the women and soldiers, while a further complicating factor in the future political situation will be Sinn Fein representation which is likely to be fairly strong.

There are altogether 471 Coalition candidates, comprising 332 Unionists, 131 Liberals and 18 National Democrats.

The 1047 Non-Coalitionist candidates comprise the following: 75 Unionists, 253 Liberals, 376 Labourites, 12 Socialists, 10 Co-operators, 1 National Democrat, 23 Federation of Discharged Soldiers candidates, 21 National Partyites, 78 Sinn Feiners, 89 Irish Nationalists, 120 Independents and unclassified candidates, 7 Agricultural Partyites, 1 Women's Party candidate, 1 Coeur candidate, 1 Health candidate, 2 Highland Land Leaguers, 1 Seamen's candidate, 2 Teachers' candidates and 1 Town Tenants' League candidate.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

More Donations Acknowledged.

The Rev. K. G. B. Hastings, B. N., acknowledges, with many thanks, the following subscriptions to Christmas Dinner Fund:

Mr. E. V. D. Parr	50
Mr. A. and F. T.	50
Mr. P. M. Hodgson	25
Mr. Chapman	5
X. Y. Z.	10
Mr. M. S. Northcote	10
G. K. S.	25
Messrs Wiseman Ltd	50
Mr. G. E. Lamont	25
Carminshaw and Clarke	50
Mr. M. K.	10
Total	2,395.40

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Total \$2,395.40

Mr. Hastings intends closing the Fund on Monday, and he takes this opportunity of thanking all those who have subscribed so generously and promptly and also his appreciation of the help given by the Press.

DAY BY DAY.

The Sanitary Board.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to re-appoint Mr. F. L. Bowley to be a Member of the Sanitary Board for a further term of three years.

General Holiday.

It is notified that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Thursday, the 2nd day of January, 1919, to be observed as a General Holiday.

New Territories Appointment.

It is notified that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Mr. E. W. Hamilton to be a Magistrate, and has authorised him to hold a Small Debts Court in the New Territories at the following places:—The charge-rooms of the Police Stations at Tuen Wan, Tai O, Tung Chung, Cheung Chau, and Yung Shue Wan.

STALKY.

A Kipling Character.

General Dunsterville, commanding our forces in Persia, is none other than Kipling's "Stalky." Kipling was "Stalky" in the firm of "Stalky and Co.," and the two have kept up a fast friendship since the days of Westward Ho! Dunsterville is a well-known figure in India. Until recently he was in command of the 20th Punjab. His arrival in Mesopotamia was characteristically dramatic. A secret expedition was being organised for some mysterious mission in the north. Picked officers were detached for the adventure. No one was supposed to know where they were going or what they were going to do; only it became known that they were always changing routes at the Field Treasury for the Persian kera. The mystic word "Caspian" was in the air. Then, to complete the mystification, who should step on to the stage as their leader, a veritable god out of the machine, but "Stalky."

The other day General Dunsterville's name appeared in connection with the expedition for the first time, and it was officially divulged that "Stalky and Co." have penetrated as far as Baku, whence they have been compelled to withdraw on account of the defection of the Armenians. "Stalky," as may be gathered from the pages of his prophetic chronicle, is a diplomatist as well as a soldier, and there is as much scope for diplomacy in the environment in which he now finds himself as for the high soldierly qualities which he is known to possess.

He speaks Russian like a Slav. In Peking he was the only Englishman who could converse easily with the representatives of the different Powers in their own tongue. In his command of Persia and all the patois of the North-West Frontier he is second to none. He has always been a good Persian scholar and no doubt he has mastered Kurdish and all the dialects of the tribes on the road to the Caspian long ago. Another virtue that has already stood him in good stead is his remarkable control of his temper. In the early days of the expedition he ran into a hornet's nest of Bolsheviks, our late Allies, who explained angrily that they could not allow this, that, or the other, because they were now the friends of the Germans and the Turks and they might take it in ill part. "Of course you would be," Stalky said. "I quite see your point of view. It would be impossible that you should be anything else. And now what about a little light refreshment?" And Stalky gained his point.

New Road.

Tenders are being invited for the construction of the first section of the road contouring the hillsides in Wongneichong and Tai Hang Valleys.

Church Union in Australia. A report circulated by the Melbourne Diocesan Council states that the most serious obstacle to the union of the Protestant Churches of Australia is the monarchical autocratic power of the Australian episcopate. A more democratic form of Church government is advocated.

Potash Production. The problem of increasing the potash production in the United States, so the American farmer will be permanently freed from the grip of Germany's monopoly of the world's supply of fertiliser, has been turned over to the Department of Agriculture for solution.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FETE.

A Splendid Financial Result.

The following is a statement of the gross receipts at the recent St. Vincent de Paul Society fete:

Souvenir Pavilion	\$1,000.00
Ten Cent Stall	1,313.66
Afternoon Tea & Cakes	150.40
Raffle	153.05
Mrs. Jordan Tea	...
Room—Donations: Sir Paul Chester C.M.G., \$100; Mr. H. P. White, \$100; Mrs. Clarke, \$15; Anonymous, \$10; Sales & Raffles, \$477.10; ...	702.10
Fishing Pond	183.35
American Lottery	900.00
Lucky Wheel	176.85
Dollar Raffle	1,500.00
Picture Gallery	875.00
Aunt Sally	51.25
Shooting Gallery	250.89
Chute including Mrs. Browne Doll Raffle won by No 94	140.95
Concert	285.20
Mrs. E. Danenberg Doll Raffle	60.00
Parcel Post & Storage Department	13.80
Donations already acknowledged	530.00
Motor Car Draw	2,455.09
Total	\$10,811.50

The Central Council begs to thank very cordially all the helpers—ladies and gentlemen—for such splendid results, also the Astor House for cakes, etc. supplied to Mrs. Jordan's Tea Room, Macdonald Flat, Messrs C.E. Warren and Co., Wiseman Ltd., and the Victoria Cafe for the articles lent. The Societade Philharmonica for the excellent music, H. M. S. Tamer for the Chute, Messrs Norrups and Co. for printing cards etc., the Catholic Union for the loan of the Club Hall, Mr. P. A. B. Rio and his popular "Sants," and His Lordship Bishop Pizzoni for the use of the Cathedral Compound.

It is expected that the net proceeds will be about \$8,600.

MARRIAGE OF PROMINENT FILIPINO.

Mr. M. Quezon Weds in Hongkong.

The marriage took place, at midday to-day, by the Hon. Mr. E. B. Hallifax, O. B. E., and in the presence of Mr. Anderson the American Consul General, and the members of the bridegroom's party, of Mr. Manuel Quezon, President of the Philippine Senate and head of the Philippine Mission to Washington D. C., to Miss Agorosa Aragon. The marriage came quite as a surprise and even the members of the Mission did not suspect anything of the kind happening until they were invited, by Mr. Anderson, at eleven o'clock this morning, to be present at the ceremony.

It will be remembered that Mr. Quezon is the head of a Filipino Mission now in Hongkong, and en route to the United States with the object of securing self-government for the Philippines. Mr. Quezon is regarded as one of the best men the islands have produced and the wedding will create a tremendous amount of interest in Manila, where both the bride and the bridegroom are prominent personages. The happy pair both come from Batangas, in the province of Tayabas. They are also well-known in Washington. Mrs. Quezon is a very talented young woman of 27 years of age, whilst her husband is 39 years. We wish the happy pair every happiness.

HOLIDAYS.

The List for Next year.

It is notified that the following Public and General Holidays will be observed as Government Holidays, in 1919:—

Public Holiday.
Empire Day, Saturday, 24th May.
General Holidays.
Wednesday, 1st January.
Saturday, 1st February.
Good Friday, 18th April.
Saturday, 19th April.
Easter Monday, 21st April.
King's Birthday, Tuesday, 3rd June.
Whit Monday, 9th June.
Monday, 4th August.
Monday, 13th October.
Monday, 10th November.
Christmas Day, Thursday, 25th December.
Friday, 26th December.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—3rd Sunday in Advent, 15th December, 1918. Holy Communion (7.50 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses: Ferial. Venite: Stainer. Psalms: Cooke and Woodward. Te Deum: Oakeley, Turle and Tallis (2nd day). Jubilate: Crotch (3rd evening). Hymns: 3, 59. God Save the King. N.B.—Psalm 75, verses 1, 2, 5, 6, 11 and 12 in unison. Psalm 76, verses 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8 in unison. Hymn 3, verses 1 and 4 in unison. Holy Communion (12 noon). Evening-song (6 p.m.) Responses: Ferial. Psalm: Oakeley. Magnificat: Stainer (2nd evening). Nunc Dimittis: Poland (2nd morning). Hymns: 217, 253, 54, (24). N.B.—Psalm 78, verses 1, 4, 18, 16, 21, 28, 45, 52, 73 & G.P. in unison. Hymn 217, verses 1, 4 & 16 in unison. Hymn 263, verses 1, 3 & 6 in unison. Hymn 51, verse 4 in unison.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.—3rd Sunday in Advent, 15th December 1918. Holy Communion after Morning Service. Morning Prayer 11 a.m. Responses: Ferial. Venite: Oakeley. Chant 239 W. A. Psalms: 75. Coptic: 76. Woodward: 77. Dupuis. Te Deum: Woodward. Smart and Turle. Jubilate: Crotch, 15th morning. Kyrie: Thorne. Hymns: 8, 66, 73 (First verse and last 2 verses). 581 (First 2 and last 2 verses). Evening Prayer 6 p.m. Responses: Ferial. Psalms: 78. Oakeley. Magnificat: Havergal. Chant 240 W. A. Nunc Dimittis: Old Melody. 19th Morning. Hymns: 105, 66, 178, 42. God Save the King.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.—Sunday Services: Dec. 15th. Morning 11 a.m. Psalm 100. Hymns: 272, 565, 249, 267. Evening: 6. Hymns: 60, 40, 380, 165. Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.—Sunday 15th December, 1918. 8 a.m. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon. Preacher: Mr. T. F. Fleming.

Peak Church.—Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m.

The Gospel Hall.—(No. 10 and 12 Pedder Street). Weekly Services.—Sunday: Breaking of Bread, 11 a.m. Gospel Meeting, 3 p.m. Tuesday, Exposition of Scripture, 8 p.m. Thursday, Bible Class, 8 p.m. Friday, Bible Class for Ladies, 5.30 p.m. Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wan Chai.—Sunday Morning Service 10.15 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Soldiers' and Sailors' Home Arundel Street.—Sunday Evening Gospel Services 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.—Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glenelly.—Low Masses at 6, 7, and 8.30 a.m. High Mass at 8 a.m. 5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Church of Christ, Scientist.—MacDonnell Road, Sunday, 11.15 a.m. Wednesday, 8.30 p.m.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

Shanghai, Dec. 13.
The Cabinet has given certificates of appointment to the Peace Delegates. The certificate for Mr. Chu Kai-kim, the chief delegate, was counter-signed by all the Cabinet Ministers and those for the other delegates were signed by Chin Nang-fun, the Premier, only.

The South-West has asked the Peking Government to issue a mandate ordering the evacuation of all troops at the front. The Peking Government has agreed to the request but insisted that the South-West must also obey the same order.

The Central Government will summon delegates from different quarters and all important personages to hold a joint Conference to discuss reorganisation matters.

The President had a conference with Chin Nang-fun and Tuan Chi-jui on the 11th inst., to discuss the powers of the peace delegates and the concessions prepared to be given to South-West. If anything exceeds these limits the Central Government's instructions must be asked for.

Hang Hsi-ling, the head of the Peking Peace Society, will go to Shanghai to join Chang Hsi and many others to form a People's Conference with the chambers of commerce, educational societies and the provincial assemblies with a view to settling the situation as a third party.

Peking, Dec. 13.
A special commission has been appointed to discuss the finances of China with Chow Tse-chi, Commissioner.

The China Industrial Bank plans opening a branch in Hongkong in the coming Spring.

The Cuban Consul, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has been pleased, provisionally and pending further instructions, to recognise Mr. Sergio Carbó as Acting Consul for Cuba in Hongkong.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mrs. John Weir desires to thank all friends for their floral tributes and for their kindly expressions of sympathy to her in her bereavement. Quarry Bay, Hongkong.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S.—SELLERS; B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

BANKS.
H. K. & S. Banks b. \$755 sa. 730/5
MARINE INSURANCES.
Canton b. \$385
North China b. t. 117/4
Union b. n. \$950
Yangtze b. \$305 K. 73
Far Eastern b. t. 26

FIRE INSURANCES.
China Fire b. \$158
H. K. Fire b. \$340

SHIPPING.
Douglases b. \$83
Steamboats b. \$22 sa. 22/22
Indos (Pref.) b. \$30
Indos (Def.) b. \$166 sa. 156/7
Shells b. t. 125/-
Ferries b. \$34

REFINERIES.
Sugars b. \$904
Malabons b. & sa. \$33

MINING.
Kailash b. 47/-
Langkats b. t. 21
Rauha b. n. \$2.25
Tronchs b. 33/-
Urals b. 33/-

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.
H. K. Wharves b. \$108 sa. 104
Kowloon Docks b. \$159 sa. 160
Shai Docks b. t. 137 sa. 138
N. Engineering b. t. 25

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.
Centrais b. \$108 sa. 107
H. K. Hotels b. n. \$90
Land Invest. b. \$101
H. K. East b. \$180
K'loon Lands b. \$33
West Points b. \$72

COTTON MILLS.
Ewos b. t. 187/4
Kung Yiks b. t. 141/2
Lau Kung Mows b. n. \$125
Orientals b. \$56
S'hai Cottons b. & sa. \$1404
Yangtzeops b. \$8

MISCELLANEOUS.
Green Islands b. \$8.80
Borneos b. n. \$124
China Light & P. b. \$6.70
Providents b. \$8.10
Dairy Farms b. n. \$264
H. K. Electric b. \$344
Macao Electric b. \$354
Ropes b. \$34
Trams, Low Level b. \$7.80
Trams, Peak, old b. & sa. 67.00
Trams, Peak, new b. cta. 70
Laundries b. \$3.60
Steel Foundries b. n. \$13
U. Waterboats b. n. \$124
Watsons b. \$5.76
Wm. Powells b. \$9.50
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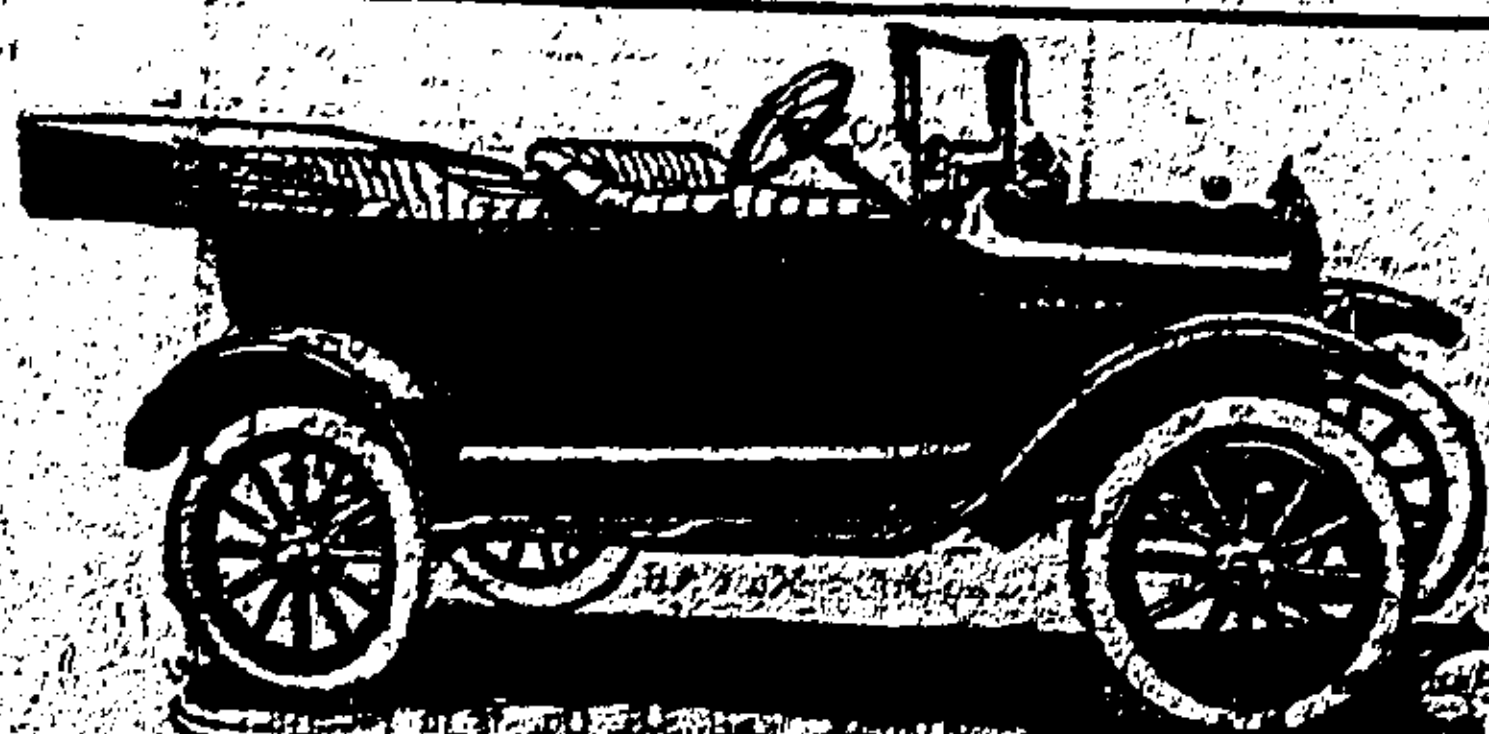
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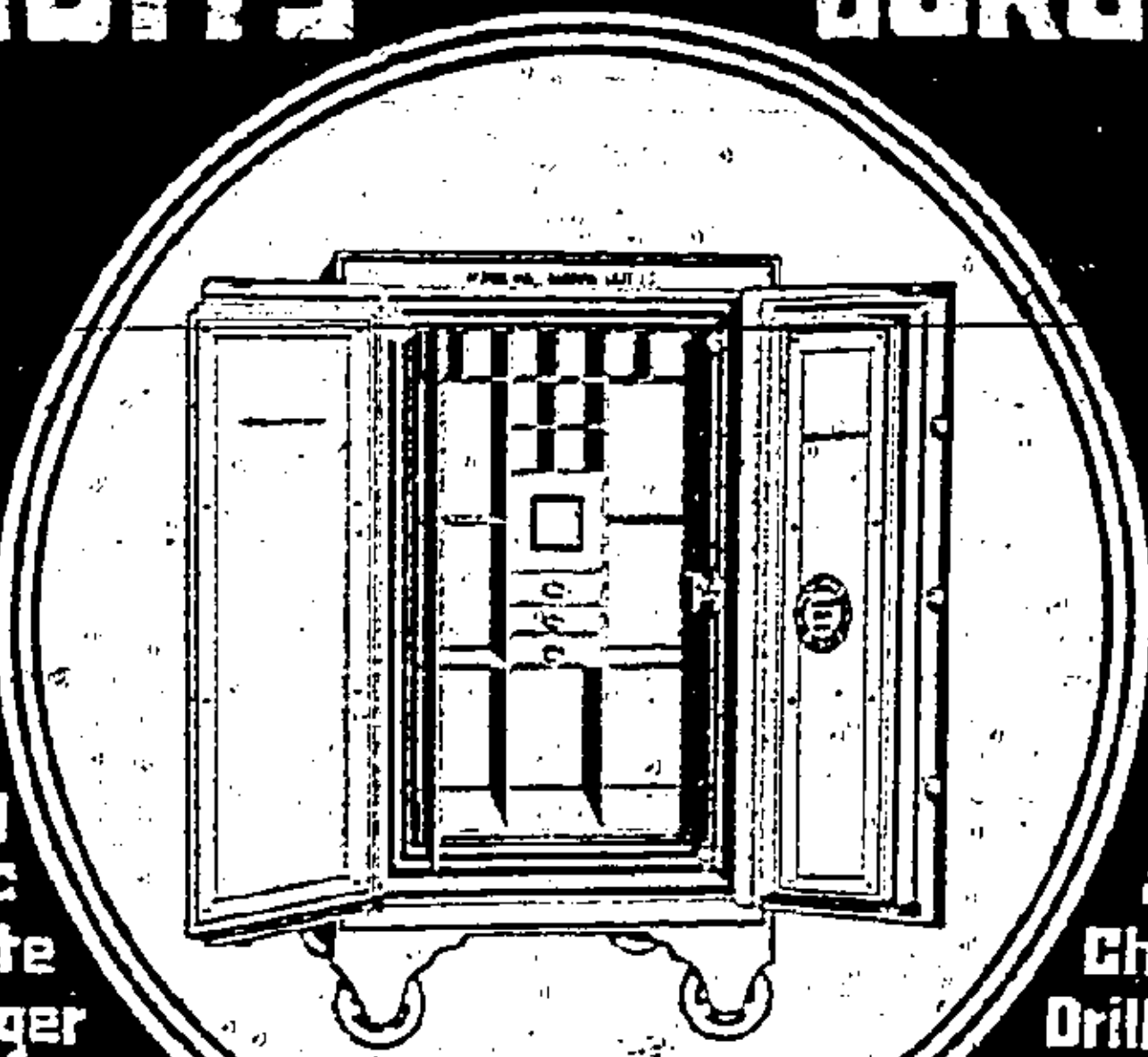
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The Shamoon Robbery.

Ah Kum, the alleged culprit in connection with the ten thousand dollars theft committed within the premises of Messrs. Fraser, Shamoon, early this week, is still at large. The woman detained the other day at the British Municipal Council Police in order to exact some information from her regarding the whereabouts of Ah Kum, her friend, has been released on \$400 bail. The woman has been instructed to assist in the arrest of Ah Kum, who was the cook of the victim.

Rockefeller Home for Y.M.C.A.

Three upper stories in the house of John D. Rockefeller, Sr., at 4 West Fifty-fourth Street, New York are to be turned into dormitories for women taking special courses in recreation conducted by the National War

Work Council of the Young

Women's Christian Association. The donation of the house for this work comes through Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who is chairman of the Housing Committee of the War Work Council of the Y.M.C.A. The basement and first floor of the house were opened to the American Red Cross last year, and will continue to be used by that organization.

EXCHANGE.

SELLING.	
T/T	3/3 3/4
Demand	3/3 15/16
30 d/s	3/4 1/16
60 d/s	3/4 3/16
4 m/s	3/4 5/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Japan	141
T/T India	220 1/4
Demand, India	221
T/T San Francisco	78 3/4
T/T Japan	186 1/4
T/T Marks	18 m.
T/T France	430
Demand, Paris	430 1/4
BUYING.	
4 m/s, L/C	3/5 1/4
4 m/s, D/P	3/5 3/4
6 m/s, L/C	3/5 1/4
30 d/s, Sydney and	3/5 1/4
Melbourne	3/5 1/4

30 d/s. San Francisco.

co & New York	80 1/4
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	447 1/4
6 m/s. France	452 1/4
Demand, Germany	79
T/T Bombay	220 1/4
Demand, Bombay	221
T/T Calcutta	220 1/4
Demand, Calcutta	221
Demand, Manila	159 1/4
Demand, Singapore	141
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